Headquarters has a good working phone for public use;

(b) whether it is a not the responsibility of the Andhra Pradesh Telecom to assess such public requirements and provide the telecom facility;

(c) to what extent will Andhra Pradesh Telecom meet this urgent public requirement to provide working public phones in adequate number at every major Government Hospital in every district in Andhra Pradesh; and

(d) what time schedule will be required for Andhra Pradesh Telecom to fulfil this basic need?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) Sir all the telephones provided for public use in District Head Quarter Hospitals are working satisfactorily.

(b) and (c) In all major / District Hospitals besides a free telephone, Departmental C.C.B. PCOs also have been provided. Additional PCOs will be opened in consultation with the Hospital authorities as and when found necessary based on public requirements.

(d) Does not arise in view of above.

Unauthorised Telephones

3651. SHRI SURINDER KUMAR SINGLA:
DR. SHRIKANT RAMACHANDRA JICHKAR:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of complaints of unauthorised telephones in Patiala, Delhi and Bombay;

(b) what is the general nature of these complaints;

(c) what is being done to short out these complaints; and

(d) what steps are being taken to prevent unauthorised use of telephones?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) to (d). The information is being collected and will laid on the Table of the House.

Telephone Directory for Nagpur and Guwahati

3652. SHRIMATI BASANTI SARMA:
DR. SHRIKANT RAMACHANDRA JICHKAR:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) by when the telephone Directory for Nagpur and Guwahati is likely to be published;

(b) whether it would contain yellow pages;

(c) who has been given the contract to print the directory; and

(d) whether the printer is delaying the printing?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) the next issues of Nagpur and Guwahati Telephone directory are likely to be published by Sept., 1994.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) For Nagpur telephone directory, the contract for printing has been awarded to M/s. Teledirect (Informatics) India Limited, New Delhi and for Guwahati telephone directory the contract has been awarded to M/s. Gupta Printers, Guwahati.

(d) There is no delay on the part of contractor in respect of Nagpur telephone directory. The Guwahati telephone directory which was due in March 94 has been delayed due to contractor.

Modernisation of telephone exchanges in Maharashtra and Andhra Pradesh

3653. DR. SHRIKANT RAMACHANDRA JICHKAR: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether all the telephone exchanges in Maharashtra and Andhra Pradesh have been modernised;

(b) if not, the number of exchanges that have been modernised and those that are still old;

(c) by when all the exchanges are likely to be modernised;

(d) whether it is a fact that the modernisation of exchanges in rural areas is being purposely delayed; and